

Table VII.A.2.f(2006) Percent of private-sector establishments that offer health insurance that required a waiting period before new employees were eligible for health insurance by proportion of employees who are full-time or low-wage and State: United States, 2006

Division and State	Total	Percent Full-Time Employees			Percent Low-Wage Employees **	
		75% or more	50-74%	Less than 50%	50% or more	Less than 50%
United States	73.8%	73.9%	75.6%	71.3%	78.1%	72.5%
New England:						
Connecticut	74.1%	82.3%	84.3%	34.0% *	88.5%	72.0%
Maine	78.4%	78.9%	77.3%		82.2%	77.5%
Massachusetts	61.9%	64.1%	57.3%	56.0%	70.7%	60.4%
New Hampshire	72.8%	72.2%	73.0%	75.3%	89.6%	67.6%
Rhode Island	66.8%	65.1%	70.4%	72.5%	80.8%	63.6%
Vermont	69.7%	73.4%	51.7%	69.7%	70.4%	69.5%
Middle Atlantic:						
New Jersey	70.0%	67.4%	76.7%	82.0%	70.1%	70.0%
New York	65.4%	65.5%	69.9%	57.3%	63.2%	65.9%
Pennsylvania	69.9%	72.1%	64.2%	64.1%	68.0%	70.4%
East North Central:						
Illinois	72.5%	74.7%	64.2%	66.0%	75.1%	71.7%
Indiana	77.6%	80.2%	75.9%	65.6%	74.0%	79.1%
Michigan	73.7%	76.5%	63.3%	71.9%	82.8%	70.6%
Ohio	71.5%	69.8%	81.4%	70.4%	75.6%	69.9%
Wisconsin	74.0%	76.9%	73.9%	63.7%	77.3%	72.9%
West North Central:						
Iowa	72.8%	75.1%	74.6%	57.6%	67.6%	74.9%
Kansas	71.8%	71.8%	77.4%	65.4%	64.6%	75.9%
Minnesota	76.3%	75.5%	86.7%	70.2%	83.7%	73.9%
Missouri	72.2%	72.0%	78.7%	66.8%	78.8%	69.4%
Nebraska	70.0%	73.7%	54.5%	70.7%	71.6%	69.4%
North Dakota	62.8%	61.8%	70.7%	54.0%	58.5%	64.3%
South Dakota	74.2%	72.9%	78.5%	76.4%	68.8%	76.9%
South Atlantic:						
Delaware	71.2%	69.7%	75.6%	75.0%	83.7%	67.4%
District of Columbia	66.3%	65.3%	72.6%	69.0%	88.6%	62.0%
Florida	76.6%	74.7%	84.5%	81.8%	81.0%	75.2%
Georgia	75.0%	73.5%	99.8%	69.1%	83.5%	72.2%
Maryland	71.2%	71.7%	72.6%	66.4%	81.6%	68.1%
North Carolina	74.4%	74.1%	75.4%	75.0%	85.2%	70.7%
South Carolina	79.1%	79.0%	84.5%	74.5%	72.3%	82.7%
Virginia	77.3%	77.9%	75.9%	74.2%	89.1%	72.8%
West Virginia	80.2%	79.6%	68.3%	91.5%	83.5%	77.6%
East South Central:						
Alabama	69.3%	66.1%	76.7%	84.6%	79.4%	62.4%
Kentucky	75.9%	72.9%	82.3%	83.2%	78.2%	74.5%
Mississippi	77.5%	75.8%	84.2%	81.3%	85.5%	72.7%
Tennessee	80.3%	83.0%	65.6%	72.7%	79.0%	80.9%
West South Central:						
Arkansas	76.8%	78.4%	69.7%	72.2%	76.2%	77.3%
Louisiana	80.8%	80.0%	73.1%	92.6%	80.9%	80.7%
Oklahoma	79.7%	76.7%	96.7%	82.6%	87.4%	75.9%
Texas	73.8%	72.5%	82.2%	73.3%	82.7%	70.3%
Mountain:						
Arizona	80.6%	78.5%	89.3%	82.5%	90.1%	77.3%
Colorado	70.5%	69.8%	80.4%	64.5%	62.9%	73.2%
Idaho	74.5%	74.9%	79.9%	68.1%	74.0%	74.7%
Montana	78.0%	79.1%	75.1%	75.9%	74.7%	79.7%
Nevada	86.9%	83.5%	94.8%	97.2%	92.6%	84.4%
New Mexico	76.6%	76.9%	66.2%	82.6%	81.9%	74.2%
Utah	77.1%	78.3%	85.1%	61.3%	85.6%	74.9%
Wyoming	64.1%	60.0%	81.9%	78.8%	72.8%	61.7%
Pacific:						
Alaska	79.9%	79.1%	89.0%	68.8%	77.7%	80.3%
California	77.6%	77.6%	75.7%	80.8%	81.2%	76.8%
Hawaii	74.1%	70.4%	73.6%	89.2%	75.6%	73.6%
Oregon	77.2%	78.8%	77.2%	68.5%	79.5%	76.6%
Washington	82.3%	81.2%	85.6%	85.6%	90.6%	80.9%

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Table VII.A.2.f(2006) Standard error for percent of private-sector establishments that offer health insurance that required a waiting period before new employees were eligible for health insurance by proportion of employees who are full-time or low-wage and State: United States, 2006

Division and State	Total	Percent Full-Time Employees			Percent Low-Wage Employees **	
		75% or more	50-74%	Less than 50%	50% or more	Less than 50%
United States	0.43%	0.41%	1.26%	1.71%	1.06%	0.54%
New England:						
Connecticut	4.03%	2.95%	4.80%	15.34% *	4.55%	4.31%
Maine	2.56%	3.40%	6.29%	6.29%	5.19%	2.88%
Massachusetts	3.11%	3.52%	8.60%	9.61%	6.73%	3.47%
New Hampshire	3.88%	4.23%	9.41%	7.05%	7.08%	4.70%
Rhode Island	1.72%	2.76%	9.40%	6.98%	5.21%	2.47%
Vermont	2.68%	4.47%	10.32%	8.10%	8.51%	3.46%
Middle Atlantic:						
New Jersey	2.18%	1.84%	9.93%	12.46%	6.47%	2.15%
New York	2.01%	1.96%	6.60%	8.09%	8.03%	2.02%
Pennsylvania	2.93%	4.00%	6.82%	8.88%	5.63%	3.40%
East North Central:						
Illinois	3.46%	4.24%	9.43%	11.08%	6.46%	4.51%
Indiana	2.03%	2.89%	10.49%	12.36%	5.41%	2.27%
Michigan	4.18%	4.13%	11.47%	5.96%	6.55%	4.94%
Ohio	3.01%	3.26%	8.67%	7.22%	4.41%	3.48%
Wisconsin	2.96%	3.29%	7.33%	8.62%	6.42%	2.47%
West North Central:						
Iowa	2.28%	3.70%	5.99%	9.61%	5.43%	3.40%
Kansas	4.62%	5.68%	10.02%	9.43%	8.33%	4.37%
Minnesota	4.14%	4.31%	6.77%	10.98%	5.11%	4.35%
Missouri	2.56%	2.98%	5.72%	9.19%	4.11%	3.63%
Nebraska	3.12%	4.71%	10.14%	12.46%	7.47%	4.67%
North Dakota	3.25%	4.79%	9.65%	13.61%	3.81%	5.21%
South Dakota	2.40%	3.47%	9.69%	10.73%	5.38%	3.59%
South Atlantic:						
Delaware	3.89%	3.87%	7.44%	11.37%	4.57%	4.37%
District of Columbia	3.18%	2.69%	12.24%	14.97%	10.02%	3.03%
Florida	3.25%	3.20%	8.90%	11.07%	5.05%	3.74%
Georgia	2.82%	3.86%	0.26%	13.15%	4.06%	4.03%
Maryland	4.36%	4.15%	11.45%	10.76%	6.85%	4.35%
North Carolina	3.40%	3.27%	7.87%	6.53%	4.78%	3.74%
South Carolina	3.59%	4.55%	8.44%	13.29%	5.93%	3.95%
Virginia	2.38%	3.02%	10.11%	7.45%	2.65%	3.38%
West Virginia	2.33%	2.79%	12.82%	3.63%	3.47%	3.48%
East South Central:						
Alabama	3.39%	4.75%	7.64%	13.02%	5.64%	2.99%
Kentucky	2.35%	1.85%	10.76%	5.41%	2.76%	2.61%
Mississippi	3.34%	3.16%	10.78%	15.86%	6.13%	4.29%
Tennessee	2.98%	2.87%	11.60%	13.16%	5.74%	3.82%
West South Central:						
Arkansas	4.08%	4.97%	12.95%	13.32%	6.27%	5.14%
Louisiana	2.14%	3.23%	10.75%	3.64%	3.33%	2.80%
Oklahoma	4.73%	5.21%	1.42%	10.29%	3.04%	6.54%
Texas	2.23%	2.95%	6.45%	5.35%	3.46%	2.83%
Mountain:						
Arizona	4.57%	5.28%	4.65%	5.51%	2.01%	5.59%
Colorado	3.82%	3.49%	8.20%	12.41%	9.98%	2.69%
Idaho	2.96%	3.35%	15.02%	10.53%	6.53%	3.37%
Montana	2.78%	3.97%	7.46%	7.98%	5.21%	3.21%
Nevada	3.47%	3.71%	4.19%	4.34%	5.52%	3.33%
New Mexico	3.27%	2.86%	13.36%	10.46%	5.66%	3.01%
Utah	2.86%	2.36%	4.66%	11.95%	6.32%	3.07%
Wyoming	6.81%	8.02%	8.20%	12.78%	6.96%	8.78%
Pacific:						
Alaska	4.04%	3.51%	11.98%	12.76%	14.38%	4.34%
California	2.09%	2.94%	3.35%	3.75%	2.51%	2.48%
Hawaii	2.45%	3.21%	8.12%	5.34%	4.71%	3.32%
Oregon	2.33%	2.27%	6.37%	8.00%	4.47%	2.57%
Washington	2.40%	2.75%	10.02%	10.38%	4.31%	3.27%

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